

REMARKS

Herein, the "Action" or "Office Action" refers to the Office Action dated 10/27/2003.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 20, 30, 41-52, and 55 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 20, 30, 51, and 55. Claims withdrawn or canceled herein are 1-19, 21-29, 31-40, 53, and 54. New claims added herein are none.

Allowed Subject Matter

While they are objected to, the Office indicates that claims 20, 30, and 55 would be allowable if rewritten so that they did not depend upon rejected base claims. Applicant has rewritten these claims accordingly.

Furthermore, the Office indicates that claims 41-55 are allowed.

To speed along this case to issuance, Applicant is canceling all claims that have not been allowed, but reserves the right to resubmit them in a related child or sibling case.

Formal Objections

Drawings

The Office objects to the drawings because there appears to be a significant inconsistency between some of the drawing figures and the textual "detailed descriptions" of the drawings. It appears that the drawing figures that were to be Figs. 8-15 of this Application were inadvertently omitted and, instead, Figs. 8-17

1 were submitted. The contents of Figs. 8-17 do not conform to the descriptions of
2 Figs. 8-15 in the text.

3 Accordingly, Applicant submit herewith new drawings to replace Figs. 8-
4 17. In particular, Applicant submits replacement drawings for Figs. 8, 10, 12, and
5 15. Applicant amends the Application to represent the omission of Figs. 9, 11, 13
6 and 14.

7 These new figures conform to their associated descriptions in the text of the
8 Application. No new matter will be submitted.

9 Furthermore, the Office notes items with reference signs that are mentioned
10 in the text, but are not shown in the drawings (of Figs. 1-7). Also, the Office notes
11 items with reference signs that are shown in the drawings (of Figs. 1-7), but are
12 not described in the text. Applicant amends the specification herein to address
13 these concerns.

14 **Specification**

15 The Office notes several inconsistencies and errors in the specification.
16 Applicant amends the specification accordingly.

18 **Claim Objections**

19 The Office objects to claims 14, 26, 27, and 51 for various informalities
20 involving apparent typographical errors. These objections are moot because these
21 claims have been canceled.
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Formal & Substantive Claim Rejections

Since applicant cancels claims (1-19, 21-29, 31-40, 53, and 54), the Office's rejection of them is moot. However, applicant will address the rejections if it submits a related applications with such claims re-introduced.

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Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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